

Griffith Unannoyed by Ehmke's Jump---Curtis Is Comer---Bowlmen Join A. C. B. A.

ENRAGES FLOOR NO CAUSE FOR GRIEF TO OLD FOX GRIFFITH

Manager Is of Belief That Club
Will Finish Just as Far Up
in the Race Without Young
Pitcher.

First Squad of Nationals Will
Spend Initial Night in Training
Camp Two Weeks From
Tonight.

Clark Griffith is today little worried over the reported signing of Young Howard Ehmke, the former Los Angeles pitcher for whom he has been angling, by the Buffalo Federals. He figures that the Nationals will have the same standing in the American League on October 1, next, as if Ehmke had signed with his club, and his views are undoubtedly shared by many.

"I would have been glad to get this kid into our fold," said Griffith today, "for he is a youngster and his showing at this age makes me believe I could have made a regular out of him in a couple of seasons. But when it comes to nursing any of these players into coming with my club, I want to go on record as being with that sort of thing. I offered this boy a contract which was reasonable, and if he saw fit to take a chance with the Feds, it is his own affair, and I am far from grieved."

Two weeks from tonight the first squad of Griffiths will spend its initial night in the training quarters at Charlottesville and one week later Manager Griffith himself will lead the second party into the Virginia state capital. Included in the bunch of players, which departs February 22, will be all of the Nationals pitchers, with the exception of Walter Johnson, and the entire catching staff. Mike Martin, Nick Altrock and Jack Ryan will also go South with the first squad.

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"Doggie" Hopper and Thormahlen are the pair of pitchers of whom Washington fans know little, and who are expected to show their worth in the month which will be spent in Charlottesville. They will be in the first squad which goes South.

Reports seemed to indicate that the huge surplus of players in the Nationals' club of the Federal League would probably be transferred to New York, meaning, of course, the Bronx.

The promoters of the Newark club, Harry L. Sinclair and Pat Powers, have practically decided on Newark for the Kansas City club, and to further embarrass organized baseball the Federal League plans to locate another club right there in the heart of baseball's old home. It is stated that President Gilmore has the Indianapolis club in his possession, it is believed that the Federal League would move into the Federal League organized to pull the club out of financial difficulty last season.

Indianaapolis won the pennant in the Federal League last year and yet the club lost money. The deficiency was made up by several of the club owners coming to the rescue. While Powers and his backer, Sinclair, had visions that perhaps they might get the Bronx territory, they overlooked the fact that the independent circuit this season would have to be changed so that the Indianapolis franchise could be taken care of.

The International League has cut a rather insignificant figure in baseball this winter, but President Ed Barrow and his colleagues are working hard to amend before the week is over. The club presidents of the circuit will hold a meeting at the Hotel Imperial tomorrow, at which it is hoped, assurances will be given of a continuation of the fight under organized baseball.

The word of Ed Barrow has been given that this long established minor league is prepared to operate through-out 1915 or go down in the attempt. There will be eight clubs, too, in all probability. Barrow was very anxious to transfer the Jersey City franchise to the Bronx. He still may be able to effect such a step, though little encouragement is held out from the hostile attitude of Harry N. Hoptstead.

Expect Andy Cortez To Battle Quaker Lad

Ardmore Club Management Offers Hoboken Battler Handsome Price to Come Here for Contest. McMurray's Lad Is Making Great Reputation in New York.

If Andy Cortez, the Hoboken lightweight, who gave Tommy Lowe such a tough struggle at the old Ardmore Club, is not matched for Washington's birthday, he will probably meet Tommy Langdon, of Philadelphia, at the new Ardmore Club in a fifteen-round bout on that date. Word is expected tomorrow from Al McMurray, manager of Cortez.

In obtaining Cortez, the Ardmore Club is going out its way to bring a real opponent for Langdon to this city. The Hoboken slugger is a high-priced performer, in demand at all the clubs in New York city and unable to work for small money. The Ardmore management is offering him a handsome price to come here on the holiday to go fifteen rounds with Langdon.

"Langdon has begun training for this bout with whoever the club selects to meet him," says Elmer Wilson, manager of the Philadelphia lightweight. "I'm going to show Washington fight fans a boy who'll give them a battle all the way. While it is true that he is now working in six-round bouts in Philadelphia, it is also true that he has gone as far as twenty rounds with some of the best lightweight fighters in the country. It is no new thing for him to travel farther than six rounds. I understand that some knockers claim he can go only six rounds. Wait till they see him at the end of the bout, he'll be traveling faster than in the opening rounds."

Manager Wilson is willing to wager money that his boy will win. He says that Langdon has been resting for a long time, and is only now getting into his stride.

"Langdon is no piker as a lightweight," explains Wilson. "He'll be out there showing the fans a good left-hand and right hand, and he'll be a real end. Cortez may be a strong boy, but he'll have to go some to beat my boy."

McMurray claims that Cortez has been beating all the best boys in New York ever since the boxing season has opened, and that coming here to meet Langdon, or any other boy chosen by the club, as a matter of fact, Cortez is showing more class than ever before in his career. When a boy can go out and beat Gene Morfitt, the coming lightweight from Syracuse, N. Y., he has some stuff. That's what Cortez did last month.

McMurray is expected to notify the Ardmore club management tomorrow whether or not his little battler can come here in time to meet Tommy Langdon at Ardmore on Washington's Birthday.

Washington fans will recall the great exhibition shown by Cortez against Tommy Lowe at the old Ardmore club. The New Yorker kept Lowe working at close range in a running boxer, strong as a little ox, and able to take punishment like a heavy weight. He showed great blast through the whole fifteen rounds and when he was declared a loser a howl went up from a large crowd of bugs who believed he had won a bout after a hard fight.

Kayo Brennan, the Buffalo boxer who won from Young Herman Miller at the Ardmore club, wants to come back for another chance against a better man. His draw with Soldier Barfield in New York last Friday entitles him to considerable respect, and it is possible that the Ardmore folks will hook him up.

Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, is to make his appearance in Baltimore against some good local boys. Dick Rainey, the local boxing promoter, is interested in the show, and he says that Wolgast will have to go some to beat the boy he will select as his opponent.

Young Joe Thomas, of California, has gone into training for a bout at Ardmore. The lightweight boxer is in the training camp of Ad Wolgast, former champion, and is in good condition. "I'm willing to put Young Thomas on with any lightweight selected by the club," says Dick Rainey, his manager, "and if he doesn't make good, make a good fight to suit anybody in the clubhouse, give him his fare home and forget him. But I'll bet good money that he'll deliver the real goods."

It is probable that Young Fenney, the sparring partner of Tommy Langdon, will be seen in his next show at Ardmore. Fenney's father was a boxer in his day, and the youngster comes by his ability naturally. He weighs about 118 pounds, and he is said to be a real fighting machine.

"Kid Greer is rapidly developing into a good boxer," is what Dick Rainey says. "He looks to me good enough to be put against the best boys in New York. He will make a fine semi-final boy at Ardmore, and ought to be put on."

Sam Clineband, manager of Bert Green, is looking around for an opponent for his boy. He has exhausted the local boys, and he may have to go out and beat Gene Morfitt, the coming lightweight from Syracuse, N. Y., he has some stuff. That's what Cortez did last month.

Prof. Leslie C. McNamara, who stood personally responsible for the renewal of the meet under the George Washington University colors, is due a deal of credit, for the events were run off with dispatch, there were no long waits, no protests in any race, and, best of all, the gathering was sent home after seeing thirty-one events at 11:15 o'clock. Just after Capt. Louie Common, with George Washington, had triumphed over Washington and Lee in a two-mile championship relay race.

There were several exceptionally fine performances during the evening, and the crowd was well served. There is little question but that Washington and Lee has developed a sprinter in R. M. Curtis, who in time will show as well as some of the best of the Southern dash men. Curtis won the 50-yard dash, repeated in the 100-yard open, with a good handicap, and flashed through heat after heat, repeating like a veteran.

The point trophies were won by Washington and Lee, the Baltimore Y. M. C. A., and Western High School. The General carried off the silver cup for scoring the greatest number of points in the meet, Baltimore Y. M. C. A. won the gold cup, while Western High won the silver cup. The Maryland Athletic Union, which has been the champion of the Southern dash men, Curtis won the 50-yard dash, repeated in the 100-yard open, with a good handicap, and flashed through heat after heat, repeating like a veteran.

VICTOR ON TRACK



EDDIE STEBBINS, Captain of Georgetown's track team, who won the South Atlantic quarter-mile dash against Virginia, Washington and Lee, and John Hopkins in the George Washington meet.

Dartmouth Wants to Sign Keady as Coach

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 14.—According to a report reaching here today, and which is considered thoroughly reliable, Lehigh University is likely to lose its sterling football and baseball coach, Tom Keady. Keady has an offer of a position with his alma mater, Dartmouth, to become baseball and basketball coach and also assistant to Frank Cavanaugh, football coach.

Keady's wonderful work last fall in producing a football team which met with only one defeat and made it three times over in the Eastern championship, and his record in basketball, which was the title of the "miracle man in football," here, Keady's three-year contract with Lehigh, which was signed in 1912, is likely to let him go without a strong effort to keep him here.

Blundon Wins Shoot After Tying With Ford

W. C. Blundon's shooting after a tie had been declared in the weekly shoot of the Annapolis Gun Club earned him the top honor in the weekly shoot. He tied with Ford in the shoot-off at twenty-five targets. Both cracks were tied at ninety-three birds, and when Blundon broke twenty-four of the next twenty-five he was declared winner.

H. S. Wells, of New York, professional, killed ninety-five birds out of 100, while Frank Huseman, professional, broke 130 targets out of 150. Wells got down 71 feet 6 inches and Huseman 72 feet 6 inches, both in 24 seconds. The other record smashers were also Bostonians. Wales, of Brookline, plunged a fifth of a second off the starting line, doing it in 23.4 seconds. The mark of 1 minute 48 seconds for the 200-yard run was set by H. S. Wells, who was regarded as particularly fast, as the intercollegiate record is only three seconds below it.

Griffith and Players To Attend Big Banquet

Clark Griffith, manager of the Nationals, will add another banquet to his already long list of social engagements tonight, when he will be honored at the affair conducted by the Potomac Baseball League, of Annapolis, in Masonic Hall, old Eastern branch way. With Griffith will be several of the Washington players who make their winter quarters in this city.

Cornell Basketers Get Win From Navy Players

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 14.—For the second time this season and the second time in two years, the Navy basketball team was defeated on its own floor. Cornell University, leaders in the Intercollegiate Basketball League, took the measure of the Navy team. Both sides scored 24 in an extra-period game.

Cubs Release Four Of Their Old Players

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The first swing of the ax that must reduce within the time limit the Chicago National League club's roster to twenty-one players resulted in the official release of four players. Tommy Leach, 24, Stack, Bill Sweeney and Charley Smith, a dozen more must be sent to the minors or used in trades, and it was tonight that several will be left out before the training season begins.

Penn Diver Cuts Plunge Time in Half at Navy

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 14.—The swimmers of the Naval Academy won from the University of Pennsylvania by 33 to 23 points. The midshipmen took the lead at the start, but were nearly overhauled by the visitors, who came strong in the latter events.

The feature of the meet was the wonderful plunging of Lehmann of the visitors. The record for the plunge across the tank, a distance of sixty feet, had been forty-five seconds, and Lehmann shot over the distance in twenty-one seconds.

Half Thousand Bowlers Needed to Join A. C. B. A.

Two Hundred Already Enrolled in Ranks of New Organization and Campaign Which Closes Tomorrow Night Is Expected to Bring at Least Five Hundred More.

By KIRK C. MILLER.

Fully 500 bowlers of Washington who are yet unaffiliated with the local chapter of the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association are expected to be rounded into the fold by tomorrow night when the election for the city wherein to hold the first tournament of the new organization will be held. Possibly 300 are already enrolled with Secretary McKewen's thorough campaign, which is today being waged by the team captains and alley owners is expected to bring half a thousand into the ranks of organized bowling, as far as our national relationship is concerned. This campaign will be carried right on through until midnight tomorrow, when the minute at which votes may be cast for the naming of the first tournament city.

Headed by Peyton B. Fletcher, a committee from the Washington branch will go to Baltimore tomorrow evening and through it, the two cities are expected to vote the same way. If Baltimore were to win this tournament, Washington would lend its support provided the Monumental City agreed to add the Capitoline when in its efforts in future years to bring the bowling classic here.

J. E. Dulin's Jeds visited the R. R. Y. M. C. A. alley, and by rolling a 1,653 set, easily outbowed a picked team representing the Virginia team. "Y" boys took the Jeds by surprise and captured the first game by 3 pins. However, the second game saw Dulin's pet hitting the little maples in their true form, with the result that their 594-point set was followed by a score of 165, boys put over. The third game saw both teams fighting for high honors, and it was not until the fourth game that this contest was decided. This was undoubtedly the most interesting game of the night and when the final totals were added it was found that Jeds had won out by one pin.

H. B. Halley, of the Welshbachs, the leading quip, has the best average registered in the Commercial League this season. The best team game was for a point of 109-3. The man holding second place in this respect is a Welshbach player—Halley's son has a mark of 106-2. The best team game and high team set also go to the Welshbachs, having 54 for the former and 1,556 for the latter.

Beckles holding the highest average. "Pon" Halley also has to his credit the high game and set, and knocked down 148 in the former and 50 in the latter. Wooden, of the Welshbach company, has the greatest number of strikes in the league, of the same quint, the most spares.

Some splendid records have been established in the District Duplein League this season by the teams and also by the individual players. The Belmonts still hold the record for high team set and best game, while they also are tied for second highest game. Shade has the game mark for individual to his credit, with a score of 165, while Earl Lewis is next in that respect with 157. Harry Kraus is on top with three set scores of 299, and Elmer is next with 331. Kraus' set is the second highest ever made in the District. There are several other records exceptional good, too, and as a matter of fact, the work done by all the men in the circuit has been above the average.

The Jeds are still in front, with the Royals and Belmonts running each other very close for second place.

The Whites and Greens are tied for the leadership in the Westminster Duplein League, each team having won thirty-one and lost twenty games. The Blues are in third place, just four contests behind, while the Reds bring up the rear.

The high average mark is held by Halley, who has rolled consistently enough to average 200 to his credit, and also leads in the matter of spares. Jasper has eight spares, a game of 140 and a set of 254.

FIVE RECORDS FALL IN SWIMMING MEET

Brookline High School Watermen Win Point Trophy at Princeton Carnival.

PRINCETON, Feb. 14.—Five new scholastic swimming records were hung up here at the third annual Princeton intercollegiate swimming championships. The team of Mass., high school boys, who made 32 points, more than half of the total, while the West Philadelphia high school finished second with 7 and Lawrenceville third with 4.

The star of the meet, winning both the 100 and 200 yards in record time, was the swimmer in record time. He swam the 100 in 1:12.4 and the 200 in 2:34.4, breaking the former record, and also broke the 200 record of 2 minutes 33 seconds, set by himself a year ago. W. J. Manning, of Boston, also was in the old record by doing the distance in 25.45 seconds. The mark of 1 minute 48 seconds for the 200-yard run was set by H. S. Wells, who was regarded as particularly fast, as the intercollegiate record is only three seconds below it.

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Army Basketball Team Wins Its Fifth Straight

WEST POINT, Feb. 14.—The Army basketball team won its fifth straight victory at the expense of Syracuse, defeating the Orange Blossoms by 23 to 12. The cadets played well, Oliphant and MacTaggart being all over the field and making a real record for the team.

Gallaudet Set Down By Mt. St. Mary's Team

Gallaudet basketball players lost their second game in the week when the Mt. St. Mary's College team of Emmitsburg, Md., won out by a score of 28 to 18 in the Maryland town. The game was hard fought throughout, and A. Wenger, of Gallaudet, is responsible for the good showing his team made.

EXTRA PRIZE TO BE GIVEN BUSINESS MEN

Twenty-five Dollars Hung Up for Team Which Rolls Best in Last Series.

Secretary P. C. Jones, of the Business Men's Duplein League, has decided on a novel scheme by which interest in the last section of the schedule will be kept alive, particularly by the teams which are near the foot of the ladder. Beginning March 1st, the team below the first three positions which wins the greatest number of games up to the end of the season, May 6, will be given a cash award of \$25. This offer is expected to instill interest in the clubs which have no chance of landing the pennant or any of the first three team prizes.

An all-star Brunswick team has been organized from one man on each team in the Business Men's League, and this club is now open to meet any team in the District of Columbia. Secretary Jones will receive challenges at the Brunswick alleys, Sixth and C streets.

Interdepartmental tennis has been popular here for a number of years. There have been baseball games, bowling contests, and what and chess matches among teams of the various departments for many years, and it is thought that the tennis organization will fill a long felt want.

Those interested in the new league are: H. B. Buell, Treasury Department; Albert J. Gore, War Department; R. C. Tracy, Department of Justice; S. B. Mattison, Postoffice Department; H. B. Gregory, Navy Department; Horace W. Barber, Department of Agriculture; Bernard Moore, Interior Department; E. P. Burkett and J. H. Sheppard, Department of Commerce, and Lester Blair, Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mohawks Elect.

The Mohawk A. C. officers are ready to do business today, following the election held at the club last night. H. Hodister was chosen president, with H. Durity vice president. Joseph Licarione was picked as secretary.

Bowling Schedule For Monday

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TENNIS CIRCUIT IS READY TO BE FORMED

Government Departments Said to Be Interested in Gathering Called Together.

What may result in a permanent organization for tennis enthusiasts in the Government departments is a meeting called by Chief Clerk Lester Slater, of Interstate Commerce Commission, for Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at which time the Departmental Tennis League will probably be formed.

It is designed to have a league similar to that now going on in baseball, and those who have the interests of the movement at heart are firm in their contention that everything will work out satisfactorily. It is planned to play weekly matches on the Municipal courts, at the foot of Seventeenth street.

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